THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The details of export and import of coffee and tea during the last three years is given below :-

COFFEE

(Quantity in tonne)

Year	Export	Import
1994-95	1,37,350	Import of roasted/decaffeinated
1995-96	1,70,990	Coffee was allowed only from
1996-97 (Provisional)	1,69,938	1.4.95 and negligible quantity of coffee has been imported so far.

Source : COFFEE BOARD

TEA

(Quantity in Million Kg.)

Year	Export	Import
1994-95	152.16	0.20
1995-96	163.65	0.46
1996-97 (Provisional)	162.86	0.86 (April-Sep. 1996)

Source : Tea Board

(b) The targets for export of coffee and tea during 1997-98 are as under :-

Coffee 1,70,000 tonnes

Tea 180 Mn. Kgs.

Weavers Cooperative Societies

6635. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of weavers cooperative Societies in Gujarat at present;

(b) the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last one year;

(c) whether any stocks have been accumulated with these societies and also with apex body; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) At present, number of Handloom Cooperative Societies in Gujarat are 1355.

(b) The Handloom goods manufactured by Handloom Cooperative Societies during the last one year are bed-sheets, towels, nepkine, bed-covers, dhoties, sarees, Pachhedies, Dhablas, Woollen shawls, single iket Patola Sarees, Tangails etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Annual Session of ESCAP Member Countries

6636. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has given any assurance to the member countries of the ESCAP of India's firm commitment to the economic integration of the ESCAP region while addressing the 53rd Annual Session of the ESCAP at Bangkok on the April 30, 1997; and

(b) if so, the nature of the help pledged by him for ESCAP region unification ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In the Statement of the Commerce Minister at the 53rd Annual Session of ESCAP on 29th April, 1997, it was only mentioned that greater regional and sub-regional cooperation has become a necessity in this age of globalisation and regional coopperation is an integral part of successful globalisation. In this connection, it was reiterated in the Statement that India stands firmly committed to a greater role for ESCAP in the Asia Pacific Region.

Setting Up of Centres by Spices Board

6637. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Spices Board proposes to set up centres for the development and export of spices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantum of spices exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last year; and

(d) the efforts being made to promote the export of spices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) As per the Spices Board Act 1986, the Spices Board has